

## East District Council Meeting

Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Capitol Hill Library

**Members Present:** Jim Erickson, First Hill Improvement Association; Kristin O'Donnell, Yesler Terrace Community Council; Mike Hatchett, First Hill Improvement Association; Janis Maloney, Madison Park Business Association; Mike Archambault, Capitol Hill; Elaine King, Montlake Community Club, Anita Bowers, Montlake Community Club.

**Staff:** Karen Ko, Neighborhood District Coordinator

Janis Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

**Election of the District Council Officers.** The proposed officers are:

Chair: Andrew Taylor

Vice Chairs: Michael Archambault

Secretary: Anita Bowers

There were no further nominations. The vote was verbal and all three candidates were confirmed and elected.

### **Neighborhood Project Fund**

Karen Ko opened the conversation regarding the 2012 Neighborhood Fund. There are four projects and 90k available. Members were given handouts with Neighborhood Fund Information. Karen shared that WSDOT can only bid on a project that has a 90K lid.

Jim Erickson questioned the rules where we pick three projects with a 90K cap. He stated our job is to weigh which of the three is preferable to the East District Council. Neighborhood Matching Funds were not meant for sidewalks.

Karen reminded us that these are not Matching Funds and to remember there are 13 districts all vying for the funds.

It was noted that new construction projects are not considered as they are not within the price range.

The discussion continued regarding next year's NPF. Jim shared his #3 project of \$51K for 70 year old tree removal on Woody Lane. Mike proposed we accept it and it was seconded and approved.

Michael Archambault noted that there is a new restaurant, Kanpai, in the neighborhood at 8<sup>th</sup> and Marion. The Community's Neighborhood Plan was working on the addition of a park on 8<sup>th</sup> between Marion and Columbia but unfortunately Alecta, a real estate company bought the property for a parking lot.

## **City Neighborhood Council Report**

Karen noted that both Jim and Jan went to the last City Neighborhood Council Meeting. We will need new reps and Mike and Jim might take turns in representing us. The Chair of that Council is Charles Redmond.

Jan Maloney noted there was a movement to include schools and children in the city council. It was viewed that the CNC should not support that movement. They are already represented by their neighborhood councils and we should not bother school boards and PTA groups.

There are city wide teams who review large funds up to \$100K. There is a 6 week time frame of reviewing them. Karen mentioned that “the process gives hope that things can get done”. Kristin mentioned that what they decide actually gets done. Mike Hatchett volunteered to be a representative for this process.

### **Round Robin, What’s happening in your neighborhood?**

Kristin O’Donnel : Yesler Terrace Update: The project is still too big while the funding for it is ‘Blue Sky’ and the question is, why are they even starting?. There has been a notice posted stating; “Some of you many have to move, emergency housing first” but no word on how or where that will be.

Mike Hatchett: FHA is involved with Central Seattle Greenways. There is a 17K matching fund that is part of the Seattle Greenways. FHA is organizing a Neighborhood Clean Up.

Anita Bowers and Elaine King gave an update on Montlake’s efforts to modify the impact of the new 520 Bridge on the surrounding neighborhoods. At the same time Montlake is impacted by the construction of the new Sound Transit tunnel and station construction.

Anita requested help with a mailing list. She will send out her most recent list for the members review.

We agreed not to meet in August and that our next meeting would be September 10<sup>th</sup>

The meeting adjourned at 7:50